

SO, JUSTIN, WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION IN LIFE?

TO HAVE THE SAME LIFESTYLE AS MY PARENTS

AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH THAT?

THAT'S EASY...

I'M NEVER LEAVING HOME

YOUNG

I LIKE YOU IN THAT OUTFIT, SAL. GOOD CHOICE.

THANKS. I DON'T KNOW WHY I MAKE SUCH HARD WORK OF IT SOMETIMES.

WARDROBE DECISIONS AREN'T REALLY IMPORTANT. IT'S ACTIONS, NOT ENSEMBLE, THAT MAKE THE PERSON.

IN OTHER WORDS...

THIS WAS THE ONLY OUTFIT I ALREADY PRESSED.

Jeff Labrecque

I'M GLAD MJ IS DOING CHARITY WORK.

BANK

NOW I WON'T FEEL SO GUILTY LEAVING HER ALONE AT NIGHT.

IT IS TIME FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

WE MUST GIVE ALL WE CAN.

STAN
BANK
BANK
BANK

OH GOD!...HERE COMES AMOS... AND I CAN'T DUCH HIM!...HE'S GOING TO WALK RIGHT PAST AND CALL ME A SYNAPSE-STRABLING LOW GODDESS... OR A REATEOUS, RAVEN-HAIRED SHE-DEVIL IN FRONT OF EVERYONE...

OH WELL...I JUST HAVE TO STEEL MYSELF AND GET IT OVER WITH.

HI.

WELL, THAT WAS SNIDE.

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TIME, FOLKS, PLEASE!

Z

IT'S WAY PAST CLOSING TIME, FLO-

A

SORRY, JACK, I WAS REVIEWING THE HIGH POINTS OF MY MARRIAGE AND NODDED OFF

IT'S A HOLE PUNCHER!

IT PUNCHES PERFECT LITTLE HOLES IN PAPER!

IT EVEN SAVES THE LITTLE "HOLES" IN A SPECIAL COMPARTMENT!

TECHNOLOGY MAKES OUR LIVES SO MUCH BETTER!

WHAT MUST OUR ANCESTOR HAVE DONE WITH THEIR SUMMERS?

THE DUCKLINGS SEEM TO ENJOY THIS, HAGAR, SO STOP COMPLAINING...

AND BESIDES, IT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO USE OUR BABY CARRIAGE AGAIN!

KVACK KVACK KVACK KVACK KVACK

CHRIS MADDEN 7-4

Panel 1: A man in a suit and glasses asks a woman, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU LIKE THE THINGS YOU LIKE."

Panel 2: The man concludes, "I'M FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT YOU'RE SOCIALLY DEFECTIVE."

Panel 3: The man asks, "ISN'T IT NORMAL FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE UNIQUE PREFERENCES?" The woman replies, "DO YOU HAVE TO ARGUE WITH EVERYTHING I SAY?!"

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Conductor **Mitch Miller** is 87. TV personality **Virginia Graham** is 86. Twin sister and former columnist **Ann Landers** and **Abigail Van Buren** are 80. Actress **Eva Marie Saint** is 74. Playwright **Neil Simon** is 71. Actress-photographer **Gina Lollobrigida** is 70. Baseball owner **George Steinbrenner** is 68. TV talk-show host **Geraldo Rivera** is 55. Singer **John Waite** is 43. Rock musician **Kirk Pengilly** (INXS) is 40.

SO HOW'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH STACY COMING?

SHE DRUKE IT UP.

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Figure 1 shows a 6x6 grid of boxes, each containing a letter or being empty. The letters are arranged in a Latin square pattern. The first row contains C, E, N, L, R, U. The second row contains S, E, E, E, R, P. The third row contains D, F, A, I, E, L. The fourth row contains T, C, A, E, T, H. The fifth and sixth rows are empty. To the right of the grid, there are labels: '1st Latin Square' next to the first row, '2nd Latin Square' next to the second row, and '3rd Latin Square' next to the third row.

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

U Z V S P L H I N E B Y I V R
O L I F C Z W E A A T X O N K
I F C Z L I A O N I N G W U R
P S M J E H E C I A Z N X U S
Q I N B L J G E A H N O U C Z
X C E V T U R H H G A D P Y N
L H J B H E S C A N I N Y W N
V U T R U S G N A I J A H P I
N A L K I H G N A Q U H E U L
C N B Z X W U U S G F S R P I
O M L J I H G E D B A Y X W J

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: Sometimes Spelled Szechwan

Anhui	Hebei	Jiangsu	Shaanxi
Fujian	Henan	Jilin	Shandong
Gansu	Hubei	Liaoning	Yunnan
Hainan	Hunan	Qinghai	

For solution, see Classified.

For Sunday, July 5, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You and your colleagues can accomplish more if you pool your resources.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your mind is on difficulties with a friend or lover. The best way to win a battle is to open up the lines of communication.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Friends might not have the best answers. It's time to trust your own judgment when it comes to difficult decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Recharge the battery that is your soul. It's time you gave yourself a reward. In any case, don't work too hard.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Be gracious and humor someone, even if you find his or her jokes annoying.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Feeling stifled? Open your mind to new experiences. Unimaginable horizons are about to emerge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A bigwig soon will insist on seeing hard facts, so make sure you do your homework.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to keep from cycling between extremes as you attempt to convince others to see your point of view.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) While you find it frustrating to accept certain restrictions, they ultimately will give you inner strength.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Others are likely to be happy to help out once they realize how serious you are about a project.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Be certain that you've laid the groundwork before you dive into that new project.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you never thought of yourself as an artist, think again.

What can you do to win it? It's obvious your game is going to fail! The easy answer is to concede and hope the next deal will be better. A better answer is to concede nothing. Any chance, however slight, is better than no chance at all. Note North's cue-bid of two hearts. Bidding the opponent's suit after an overall asks for more description and expresses a strong interest in bidding game. West leads his heart deuce to East's nine and South's ace, and South is disappointed with what he sees in dummy. East's opening bid bodes faint chance for a successful club finesse, so how is South to avoid losing a heart, a club and two diamonds? The first step is to refuse to surrender. After winning his heart ace, South cannot afford to draw all the trumps. Instead, he cashes only his queen and jack and exits with a heart, East winning. With no safe trump exit and no future in leading clubs or hearts, East tries his diamond king. South wins dummy's ace and returns a second diamond to East's queen. This time there is no escape. East must win, and whether he leads a club or a heart doesn't matter; South has his 10 winners. Note that refusal to draw the last trump is the key. If South draws the last trump, the sluff-and-ruff threat disappears, and there is no endplay against East.

ACROSS

1 Mark of a hothead

10 Religious symbols of old Egypt

14 Complex

15 Ready

16 Lets loose

17 Two-thirds of a magnum

18 Year that Michelangelo sculpted the "Pieta"

19 Headline

20 Summer hat

21 Game pieces

23 Creep

25 Do galley work

26 Wasn't vigilant

28 Absorb

30 Five-time Fiesta Bowl champs: Abbr.

31 River to the Rhine

33 French jeweler Lalique

34 Pro —

35 Some modern addictions

39 Geometric suffix

40 Monthly bill: Abbr.

41 William F. Buckley, notably

42 Withdraw, with "out"

43 Short presentations?

45 Zipper alternative

48 All of T-O-M-T-O-M, in Morse code

DOWN

1 Declines

2 "Agrippina" composer

3 Bind

4 Kvass ingredient

5 Musical syllables

6 Dukes

7 Doffs one's lid, old-style

8 Almost any modern album

9 Codger's interjections

10 Style of dress

11 Make specific

12 Property

13 Rock unit

19 Like

20 Drop

22 Cyberannoyance

24 Copycat

27 Attached, in a way

28 Sustained sounds

29 Makeshift tools of punishment

36 Compromise in court

38 In secret

37 Central idea, in music

38 Chu Yuan-chang's dynasty

39 Blessing

44 Handled

46 Covers

47 Least affected

48 Savvy

50 Encounters no resistance

52 Star in Cygnus

58 Critical

67 Old Spanish coin

68 Sugar —

61 Alphabetical sequence

Puzzle by Rich Norris

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

S	L	A	C	K	J	A	W	S	C	A	L	E	S
W	A	R	D	R	O	B	E	A	L	N	I	C	O
O	N	E	S	I	D	E	D	M	I	N	N	O	W
O	C	T	S	Y	L	L	O	N	I	O	N	S	
N	E	E	D		O	S	A	G	E				
W	E	T	B	L	A	N	K	E	T				
O	R	A	T	O	R	S		P	E	R	K	I	E
N	O	L	O		M	E	N	I	N	D	L	A	C

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